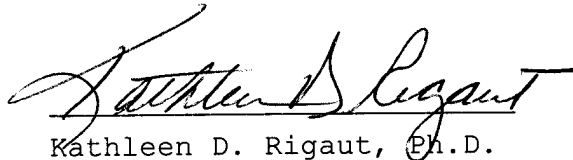


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of **THREE (3)** months beyond the time period set in the last office communication. The Commissioner is authorized to chare the proper fee under 37 CFR §1.17 to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 04-1406.


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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the Official Action dated February 9, 2007, please amend the above identified patent application as follows: